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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notification of Ex Parte Presentation*  
*PS Docket No. 06-229, GN 09-51*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Paul Kenefick and the undersigned of Alcatel-Lucent met with Charles Mathias, Legal Advisor Wireless, International & Public Safety, and Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor Wireline & Universal Service, to Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker. During the meeting, the parties discussed the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") upcoming Broadband Report to Congress and public safety.

Alcatel-Lucent has been an active participant in the aforementioned proceedings, as we have provided experts for several panels on wireless policy, research & development, public safety and wireline policy. Likewise, we have filed in several proceedings including smart grid, healthcare and innovation & investment. Overall, we believe that the FCC should build off what is working in the private sector – intermodal competition that is bringing facilities-based broadband throughout the United States. In the end, sustainable private sector investment in a competitive environment will provide further deployment and adoption of intermodal broadband technology to all Americans.

In regards to spectrum policy, we believe that fixed and mobile wireless broadband can close the deployment gap and will provide competitive alternatives to telco and cable broadband. In addition, spectrum policy should recognize the value of mobile broadband and the Commission should work with other federal agencies to bring more spectrum to the marketplace. Regardless of how much spectrum is made available, wireless broadband providers must be free to manage their networks to avoid congestion and provide quality of service.

Finally, Alcatel-Lucent stressed the need for all options to be explored in regards to the final disposition of the D block, including proposing to Congress in the Federal Communications Commission's Broadband Report to allocate the D Block directly to public safety in order to create a national broadband network that would meet the critical needs of our first responders. In addition, the parties discussed technical issues related to public safety broadband deployment in the 700 MHz D Block, related early deployment issues, and expanding the definition of public safety to include critical infrastructure.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Charles Mathias  
Christi Shewman